



TE KAI AND WELLINGTON
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I N T E R I M R E P O R T
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
for the
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 31st. 1939.



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To the Chairman and Members of the Crook and
Willington Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Circular No. 2067 of July, 19th. states that in view of the increasing pressure of work in the Public Health Department of local authorities and the need of strict economy in the use of paper, the Minister considers that interim reports only should be made for the year 1939.

The circular also states that the reports may be typewritten if desired and should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the War, outbreaks of infectious diseases, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health.

In view of this, therefore, I am only able to submit this interim report for the year ended 1939, but I look forward to being able to submit a full report when hostilities have ceased.

Once again I wish to thank Mr. Omand, Mr. Ayton and Mr. Cummings for the help they have so readily given me. The Sanitary Inspector (Mr. Cummings) continues to maintain the closest co-operation with me and deals quickly with any complaints received. I also thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your continued interest and encouragement.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FENWICK LISHMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

I give the number of infectious disease notifications during the year from which it will be noted that there have been no serious outbreaks of infectious diseases.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	47.	47	0
Diphtheria.	30	30	0
Measles.	115	0	1
Whooping Cough.	9	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	1	1	1
Pneumonia.	46	0	12
Erysipelas.	9	0	0
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	1	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.	3	3	2

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1939

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	85	Total
Scarlet Fever.	-	1	4	1	4	23	3	6	4	1	-	-	37
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	3	18	7	2	-	-	-	-	30
Measles.	8	10	11	11	17	54	1	-	-	-	-	-	112
Whooping Cough.	2	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Pneumonia.	6	4	2	5	3	2	-	2	6	5	10	1	46
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	5	1	9
Opthalmia Neonatorum.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Mening.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	3

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate.	344.	186.	158.
Illegitimate.	18.	7.	11.

Birth-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 13.02

Still Births.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate.	24.	12.	12.
Illegitimate.	2.	1.	1.

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) - 13.95

Deaths.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
	352.	186.	166.

Death-rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 12.5

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live & still births)
Puerperal Sepsis.	0	0
Other Puerperal Causes.	2	.07
Total ...	<u>2</u>	

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age.

All infants per 1,000 live births.	.71
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births	.71
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live births.	0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	54
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Males.	Females.
All Cases	186	166
Diabetes	1	8
Cerebral Haemorrhage	8	7
Heart Disease.	60	45
Other Circulatory Diseases	24	23
Aneurysm	0	0
Bronchitis	4	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	9	3
Other Respiratory Diseases	0	0
Peptic Ulcer	0	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs) ..	0	0
Appendicitis	1	2
Cirrhosis of the Liver...	0	1
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever..	0	0
Measles	0	1
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Whooping Cough.	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0
Influenza	1	1
Encephalitis Lethargica..	0	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	2
Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System.	11	4
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	3
Syphilis	0	0
G.P.I. Tabes	0	0
Cancer	26	28
Other Liver Diseases	0	2
Other Digestive Diseases.	2	1
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	3	5
Puerperal Sepsis	0	0
Other Puerperal Diseases.	0	2
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, etc.	4	4
Senility	7	4
Suicide	1	1
Other Violence	5	1
Other Defined Diseases...	14	13
Ill-Defined Diseases	1	0
Diarrhoea (2 years and over)...	1	0

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1939.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 ...	2	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
25 ...	5	2	1	2	2	-	-	-
35 ...	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
45 ...	2	1	-	-	4	1	-	-
55 ...	2	-	3	-	5	1	2	-
65 & up	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Total	14	3	8	5	12	2	2	-

